February 1, 2017

Dear FCC Commissioners.

Subject: Response to FCC orders on Sandwich Isles Communications, WC Docket no. 10-90

I am writing in support of Sandwich Isles Communications (SIC) as a Hawaiian homesteader that is on the beneficiary waiting list. I would like SIC to continue to provide telephone service to homesteaders as the company was developed to support the Dept. of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL), established through federal legislation in 1920, to serve native Hawaiians. SIC's mission is to provide state of the art telecommunication services to very rural areas that would continue to be unserved and underserved if this company did not exist. I understand the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) would like to make it impossible for SIC to continue its operations. This is an absolute travesty! SIC is fulfilling the very objectives of the funding programs it has utilized successfully for many years. It is a company with a social mission that is making broadband telecommunications available at affordable rates to Hawaiian homestead beneficiaries. As mentioned above, I am on the DHHL wait list and I look forward to one day being an SIC customer as I am grateful that homesteads statewide have this state of the art infrastructure that makes it possible for us to become self-sufficient, educate our families and run our businesses out of our home. I would like to see the FCC work with SIC to make sure that we continue to benefit from SIC's business model that has been successful for many years and has helped native Hawaiians to get ahead in life!.

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